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SAUVAGNARGUES' MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY ON ANGOLA INCLUDED
THE FOLLOWING:

1. AN APPRAISAL THAT THE MPLA WERE NOW IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE GREATER PART OF ANGOLAN TERRITORY, AND THAT ANTI-MPLA GUERRILLA ACTIVITY WOULD ONLY RESULT IN CONSOLIDATION OF THE SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE;
2. MENTION OF AMIN'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AS OAU PRESIDENT, THAT THE MAJORITY OF AFRICAN STATES HAD ALREADY RECOGNIZED THE MPLA;
3. NOTICE THAT FRANCE NOW INTENDS TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, CONSISTENT WITH
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FRENCH PRACTICE OF RECOGNIZING STATES, NOT GOVERNMENTS;

4. UPON EXTENSION OF RECOGNITION FRANCE WOULD CALL FOR
ENDING ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND WOULD OFFER
TO LEND ITS INFLUENCE TO THAT END, AS WELL AS CALLING UPON

THE NETO GOVERNMENT TO REESTABLISH NATIONAL CONCORD AND
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